

Gus Lorenz Well Qualified in History

Gus A. Lorenz of Camas has a smile as sunny as his prize-winning chrysanthemums. Lorenz developed his hobby of chrysanthemum raising and judging after retiring from Crown Zellerbach in 1960 when he was paper machines superintendent.

It was through the help of Lorenz and other members of Golden Crown Club that the Post-Record was able to identify several pictures in this special edition of the paper.

And Lorenz is well-qualified for remembering the early days. His parents were Henry Lorenz, originally from Germany, who lived in Wisconsin before coming to Camas in 1890, and Anna Karnath Lorenz. Her family arrived in the area from Wisconsin at about the same time.

The Indians had left when Gus was a boy but a favorite thing for children to do on a Sunday afternoon was hunt Indian arrowheads and beads, Gus said.

Lorenz was in an early class to graduate from Camas, and the year was 1914. "I saw that school go up brick by brick (the building now houses the junior high)," Gus said, "and I would sure hate to see it go." His high school friends include the Blake boys—Albert Blake still lives in Camas—and Titus

Butler whose father "did a lot of rock and cement work at the mill."

Lorenz remembers that when Ford first came out with his Model-T a "fellow had a stage-line of Model-T's that would make the trip from Vancouver to Camas." The road was dirt in those days. Before the railroad came into town in 1908, Gus said, the favorite transportation was by boat.

A small boat, like the "Jesse Harkins," would leave Washougal at about 7 a.m. and reach Portland at about 1 p.m. It took that long, Gus said, because the boat would stop at Government Island and all the other landings to pick up milk cans. The trip was a little faster coming back.

Gus worked at the paper mill between his junior and seniors years at Camas high school and then, "like all the other boys", went to work there after graduation. As a "winder man" on No. 2 machine in 1913-1914, he made \$1.85 per day. "That's day, not hour," Gus said.

During World War I, Gus enlisted in the Army and was stationed nearby in Vancouver. He later married Marie Meyers and the match was a good one: they will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary in September.

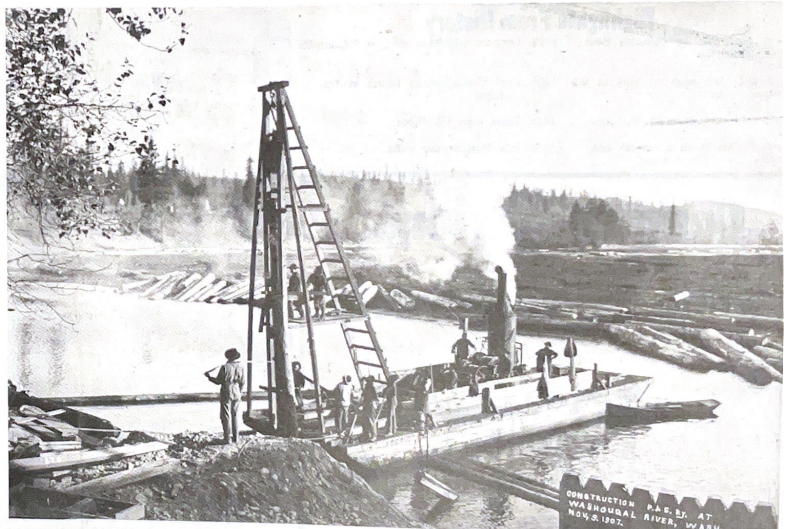
The Lorenz's have two

children. Howard Lorenz is a local realtor and his sister, Mrs. Donn (Doris) Carey also lives

here. Her husband is assistant superintendent of paper machines at the mill.



HANDSOME FILM STAR? It could have been but was really Gus Lorenz of Camas especially whiskered for local "Spree of '83" celebration commemorating Crown Zellerbach's fiftieth anniversary in 1933.



HEAVY CONSTRUCTION was slow, tedious work in the Camas-Washougal area in the early days. This picture shows construction

of the P&S Railway bridge over the Washougal River. It was taken on Nov. 9, 1907.